DHS
BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
Special Called Meeting
MINUTES

June 12, 2013
1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Tiena Fletcher, Chair
Frank Auman, Vice Chair
Scott Johnson
Randy Smith
Monica Walters, Secretary – By Phone
Jack Williams – By Phone

MEMBERS ABSENT
Lisa Alexander
Sandra Smith

Chairperson Tiena Fletcher called the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Board meeting to order at 1:16 p.m. on June 12, 2013.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the March 20, 2013 and May 15, 2013 meeting be approved. There being no discussion, the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

PRESENTATION TO BOARD

Rachel King, DHS General Counsel, presented to the Board, the Proposed Rule for Final Adoption – Credit Reports for Foster Children Ages 16 and Older.

The proposed rule for adoption would authorize DFCS to obtain consumer reports for children in foster care ages 16 and older. The rule would aid DHS in identifying fraud, waste and abuse in our CPS programs. It would also enable the State to maintain compliance with Federal law as well as confidentiality provisions. The proposed rule was presented to the Board on February 20, 2013 and a public hearing was held on March 13, 2013. One comment was received in support of the rule from the Barton Child Law and Policy Center. The Barton Center supports the Department's rule and its intention to bring Georgia policy in line with Federal law.

After a brief discussion a motion was made to adopt the Credit Report Rule Authorizing Consumer Reports for Youth in Foster Care Ages 16 and Older. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the rule.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Ms. Fletcher stated that the Board received notice last week of the Governor's movement of personnel. Commissioner Reese will become Commissioner of the Department of Community Health on July 1, 2013, replacing current Commissioner David Cook who will be moving to be Secretary of the Georgia State Senate.

Keith Horton, Deputy Executive Director with the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, will become Commissioner of DHS July 1, 2013. The Chair then called for a motion to approve Keith Horton as Commissioner of DHS effective July 1, 2013. The motion was made and seconded.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Reese thanked the members of the Board for their support over the past 2 ½ years. He stated that he has learned a lot from DHS and its employees and will take that knowledge with him to DCH. He said that DHS and DCH interact on various issues, so he will be in a unique position to continue that work.

He closed by again thanking the employees around the State that have helped him, and to the Board for their support.

CHAIRPERSON'S PRESENTATION

Ms. Fletcher said she and the Board are very sorry to see Commissioner Reese leave, and would like to salute him for his service to the State.

Ms. Fletcher read and presented the following resolution honoring Commissioner Reese:

A RESOLUTION

Commissioner Clyde L. Reese, III

WHEREAS: Clyde L. Reese, III has diligently served the people of Georgia and the Department of Human Services as Commissioner since his appointment by Governor Nathan Deal on January 10, 2011; and

WHEREAS: Commissioner Reese has instituted policies, procedures and practices throughout the Department that have increased effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of services to citizens as the Department strives to improve the lives of all Georgians; and

WHEREAS: Commissioner Reese took over the Department during a time Georgia State was in financial turmoil and transition and immediately worked to refocus the Department by devising performance measures against

which the Department's progress could be assessed, and initiated other sound business practices within the Department; and

WHEREAS: After assuming his duties as Commissioner, he has led the Department through many trying events and during difficult financial times for the State, which have required budget reductions, adjustments to programs and other measures to accommodate reduced funding while maintaining services; and

WHEREAS: During his tenure, in addition to assisting this Board in numerous ways, he has met or exceeded the Board's expectations regarding his performance as the Chief Executive Officer of the Department; and

WHEREAS: The DHS Board will miss his fellowship, wisdom and guidance to the Board as it continues to support the well-being of our citizens

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the members of the Board of Human Services do hereby express their appreciation to Commissioner Clyde L. Reese, III, for his dedicated service to the people of the State of Georgia and the Department of Human Services, commend him for his friendship and leadership, and wish him much personal and professional success in his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Commissioner Clyde L. Reese, III and become a part of the permanent, official minutes of this meeting and of the Board of Human Services.

This 12th day of June, 2013.

Ms. Fletcher again thanked Commissioner Reese for his service to DHS and the citizens of Georgia.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Human Services is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at Two Peachtree Street, N.W., Suite 29.250, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Monica Walters

Monica Walters, Secretary

APPROVED:

Tiena Fletcher

Tiena Fletcher, Chairperson